



Services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 8, 2014 at the L. E. Black, Phillips & Holden Funeral Home for Mr. James Edward Gaddis, 71, of Youngstown, who was called home to be with the Lord Monday, November 3, 2014.

James was born September 11, 1943 in Gadsden, Alabama, the second of two children born to William L. Sr. and Ola Mae Barron Gaddis, coming to Youngstown in the late 1940's. He was a 1961 graduate of North High School. He married Sandra K. Brassfield of Struthers on June 4, 1966. James earned an engineering degree and a Master of Business Administration degree from Youngstown and Kent State Universities. He was active in Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity as an undergraduate and as an alumnus. As he graduated from college, he was commissioned a U.S. Army Second Lieutenant and served in Vietnam.

Returning home to Youngstown, James worked for Packard Electric as a electrical engineer where he was instrumental in helping the company to recruit qualified African American engineers. He was a popular professor teaching business courses at Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania. He enjoyed dancing, traveling, socializing and watching boxing tournament. He never met a stranger and had a "gift to gab".

He leaves to cherish his beloved memory his son, Jaymes (Dana) Gaddis, Jr. of Arlington, TX; his daughter, Dr. Megan M. Gaddis of Boardman; two grandchildren, Adrana Cardera of Arlington, TX and Jasmine Gaddis of Warren; a brother, William L. (Gladys) Gaddis of North Carolina; his guardian, Dennis E. (Marie)Roller of Liberty; and a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife, Sandra, who passed away September 13, 2001.

Friends may call Saturday from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home.